



Maplewood Nature Center & Neighborhood Preserves

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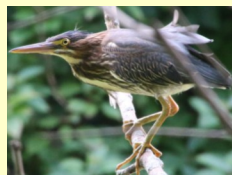
www.maplewoodnaturecenter.com

We are also on Facebook & Twitter.

COME AND EXPLORE!

Grounds and trails:
Open daily,
dawn to dusk.

Visitor Center:
Open Tuesday-Saturday,
8:30-4:30



Visitor Center will be closed: Saturday, July 2

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

- Register online for paid or free programs www.maplewoodnaturecenter.com then click on the Register Online-Go! button.
- You can also register in person, phone or mail with credit card, cash or check by the date indicated. Program sizes are limited, register early.
- No need to register for Drop-in programs.
- Most programs are held at the Maplewood Nature Center unless otherwise noted in program description.



Join Today!
Basic Membership \$25 /

The Friends is a non-profit organization supporting the mission of Maplewood Nature Center & Neighborhood Preserves.

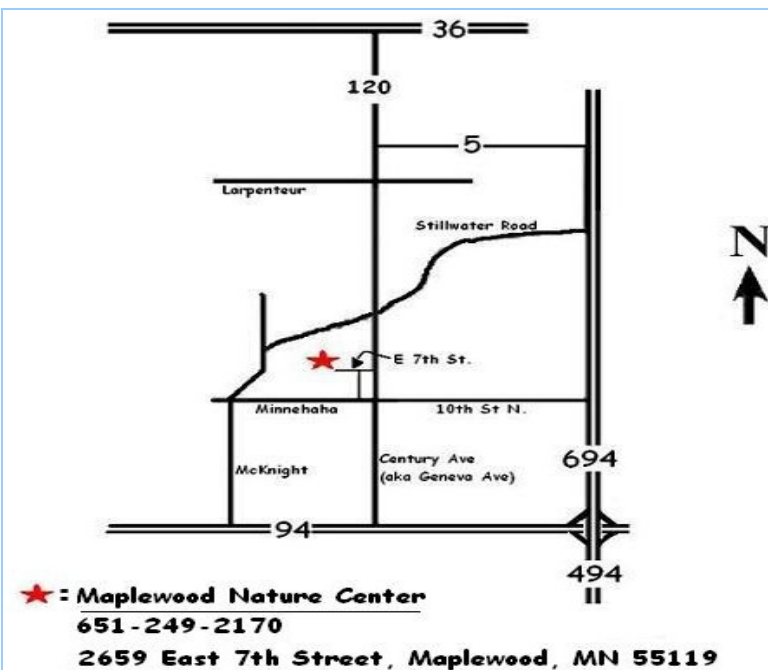
Check out the Friends on the web:

www.maplewoodnaturecenter.com or
<https://friendsofmaplewoodnature.wordpress.com/>

Our mission is to enhance awareness and understanding of land, water and wildlife resources; to empower the community to become stewards of the environment.



The nature center's photovoltaic panels can produce up to 2.15 KWH of energy per year.



Nature Center WILD Birthday Parties!



Live Animal Birthday parties are available for kids ages 4 & up. Reserve the party room for treats, then visit with a snake, toad, turtle or salamander!

Outdoor hikes & party favors included!

Fee: \$75.00

Call 651.249.2170 for additional or go to:

www.maplewoodnaturecenter.com

& click on Programs & Events/Birthdays



Maplewood Nature Center ADULT & FAMILY NATURE PROGRAMS

May– August 2016

APRIL/MAY

NO-DIG GARDENING METHODS

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, Time: 2-3 pm



Put down that shovel and retire the tiller! Organic Bob will give you step-by-step instructions for proven methods of gardening without digging. Not only do these techniques improve the soil, but they are also easier.

Organic Bob will teach about Deep Mulching, Constructing Raised Beds, and more! Bob Dahm is a popular speaker, offering sobering, humorous and inspiring insights into organic lawn care, gardening, season extension and more.

\$10 (free for community garden members) Prepay by Wednesday, April 21.

BIRD BANDING DAY

(All Ages)

SATURDAY, APRIL 30th, 9:30 – noon

Cardinals, warblers and chickadees, Oh My! Watch licensed bird banders capture, band and release wild birds to learn about age, populations and migration patterns. If conditions allow, take a short hike to observe birds with binoculars from the floating boardwalk. Bring a camera.

Free Drop-in program for adults and families.

Youth groups, call 651-249-2170 to register by April 29.



SPRING CHORES IN THE RAIN GARDEN

(ADULTS)

In Bartelmy-Meyer Neighborhood, Meeting location TBA

Tuesday, May 3, 6:00-7:00 PM

Join our gardener in the Bartelmy-Meyer neighborhood for a hands-on demonstration of spring clean-up chores for your rain garden. We'll cover cutting back ornamental grasses and perennials, cleaning the inlet, adding mulch, and planting to fill in the gaps. This is a great time to have someone answer your questions. Please join us!

Call Maplewood Nature Center at (651) 249-2170 to register and to find out location. Free program

TREES FOR THE BEES

GIRL SCOUT ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

(GIRL SCOUTS, AGES 11-13, ACCOMPANIED BY ADULTS)

SATURDAY, MAY 7th, 1:00PM-4:00PM

Schedule your troop to help fulfill requirements for the Cadette Tree Badge. Discover how to protect trees and the pollinators that depend on them! Explore trees at the nature center, make fun tree art, and learn about food products that come from trees, including maple syrup and wild fruits.

- Note: Tree badges will be available at the end of the day! Please dress for the weather; and plan on both inside and outside activities.

\$10/child Register beginning January 8 at [Events](http://Events.girlscoutsv.org/events/) (girlscoutsv.org/events/) You may also call 800-845-0747.

ENERGY SAVING LANDSCAPES

(Adult)

THURSDAY, MAY 12TH 6:30–7:45 PM

Join Gary Wyatt, U of M Extension, as he shares some tips on how to plant your yard to keep your home cooler in the summer, warmer in the winter, and to save dollars on your home energy bills. There will be a guided tour of the Nature Center yard to learn about native species of trees and shrubs. Get resources for where to get plants and tips on how to properly maintain them. If you are an Energize Maplewood Team Energy Challenge participant, attending this class will earn you 2 points for your team! Free; Pre-register by May 9, 2016.



NATIVE PLANTS FOR POLLINATORS

(Adults and children ages 10 and older)

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 10:00-11:30 AM

Learn how to start gardening with native plants to provide native bees and butterflies with what they need to thrive.

Tour the gardens at the Nature Center to identify what's up and get ideas for your pollinator garden. Watch a planting demonstration, then take home plants to get your garden growing.

replay \$10/ person by Wednesday, May 18. Fee includes a starter set of 4 different native plants, 12 plants total.

PEER INTO THE POND

(For All Ages, Children Accompanied by Adult)

SATURDAY, MAY 28, 10:00AM–11:30AM

Join the naturalist on the boardwalk to catch, identify and release water bugs, minnows and other pond minibeasts. View your critter live under a microscope. Free. Drop-In Program on Boardwalk

See inside for June through August programs →

See back page for registration information.

Maplewood Nature Center complies with A.D.A. requirements. Please inform us of any special needs so that we can more fully accommodate you.

JUNE

WATERFEST, “MAKE A SPLASH”

(All Ages)

AT LAKE PHALEN PAVILION

SATURDAY JUNE 4, 11:00AM-4:00PM

Canoe rides, fishing lessons, swimming, bouncy castle, games, school exhibits, live animals, music and dance performances, fair food trucks, fishing contest, and so much more! Enjoy the day on the lake with indoor and outdoor activities. Visit the Nature Center booth at this fun festival! www.rwmwd.org/waterfest Free.



SAVE THE WETLANDS PUPPET SHOW

(Ages 3-7 accompanied by an adult)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 10:30- 11:30AM

Can the Frogs, Fish, and Turtle puppets survive the Trash tornado that’s appeared in their Wetland Home? Learn how you can help keep their marsh habitat free of pollutants! Meet a real live wetland animal, then hike to the marsh to search for animals and plants that live there. Help pick up trash on the way there and back.

Free. Pre-register by Monday, June 13.

NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2:00PM-3:00PM

It’s FUN to volunteer at the Nature Center and Neighborhood Preserves! Come find out about all the cool opportunities available, and learn what it takes to be a regular volunteer such as...

Trail guide, Program Aide, Receptionist

Youth & family opportunities

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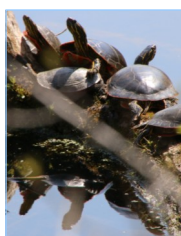
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Adult volunteers must pass a background check. Call (651) 249-2173 to sign up for an orientation time, or to get more information about volunteering.

PEER INTO THE POND

(For All Ages, Children Accompanied by Adult)

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 10:00AM–11:30AM



Have some Father’s Day Family Fun! Join the naturalist on the boardwalk to catch, identify and release water bugs, minnows and other pond minibeasts. View your critter live under a microscope.

Free. Drop-In Program on Boardwalk

GARDEN TOUR - NATIVE PLANTS for POLLINATORS!

(ADULTS)

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 10:00AM –11:00AM

Tour the nature center butterfly and rain gardens to see the colorful flowers. Learn how to attract butterflies to your yard by planting native plants with nourishing leaves for caterpillars and flower nectar for adults. Learn which flowers attract bees and hummingbirds.

Free. Pre-register by June 23.



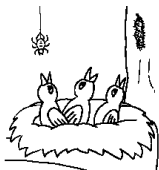
WILDERNESS WISDOM

(FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN AGES 7 AND OLDER, WITH ADULT)

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2:00PM-3:15PM

Join the Naturalist for a hike to discover what’s safe and what to watch out for on your summer camping trips. Make a poison ivy rubbing; learn how to identify nightshade and stinging nettle and its herbal antidote. Learn tips and tricks for preventing ticks and mosquito bites; get your own “ticker” tape and Tick Remover.

Prepay \$5/family by Thursday, June 23.



HOME TWEET HOME

(For ages 4-8 with adult)

TUESDAY JUNE 28, 10:00-11:30AM

It’s nesting time for catbirds, cardinals and more! Touch and feel several different bird nests, try building your own, play some birdsongs, make a bird craft and explore the nature center yard for birds and their nests. Puppets, craft and snack.

Prepay \$5/child by Sunday, June 26.

JULY

FIREFLY MAGIC Night Hike

(For Ages 3-10 with Adult)

THURSDAY JULY 7, 8:30PM–10:00PM

Fireflies are magical bugs with a built-in night light. Learn how and why they light up, and take a hike in search of them. Listen to a firefly story and make your own glow-in-the-dark firefly to take home.

Early registration recommended.

Prepay \$5/child by July 5.



HIKE AROUND THE POND

(For Adults & Children ages 5+ with adult)

SATURDAY, JULY 9, 10-11:15AM

Create and decorate your very own hiking stick, then hike around the pond with the naturalist!

Prepay \$4.00/person by Thursday, July 7.

GARDEN ART

(For Adults & Children ages 4 and older, with Adult)

AT EDGERTON GARDEN: Corner of Roselawn & Edgerton in Maplewood, north of Edgerton Elementary.

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 6:30PM-8:00PM

Master Gardener Lisa Pearson leads you on a journey of reusing materials to create playful garden art. Create whimsical plant markers that you can use each year! Materials provided.

Free. Pre-register by July 11.



JUNIOR VOLUNTEERS!

For Ages 10 – 14

(Ages 14-15 may apply to be Assistant Leaders.)

SESSION 1: TUESDAY JULY 19 AND WEDS, JULY 20

SESSION 2: TUESDAY AUGUST 2ND AND WEDS, AUGUST 3

TIME: 10:00AM –NOON

Take some action to help nature! Make new friends, discover nature, and use hand tools to clear trails, plant and maintain wildflowers, and other projects with the naturalist. Fill out permission slip and return to nature center two days before session begins, in order to participate.

\$10/person per session. Pre-register by July 17 & July 31. Youth can sign up for one or both sessions.

BAT FULL MOON

(Adults & Children ages 8 and older, with Adult)

TUESDAY, JULY 19, 8:30PM –10:00PM



Hike the trails by the light of the moon to listen for bat clicks and chirps with our electronic echo-locator. Help identify and record species flying over the nature center pond. What do bats eat? Where do bats live?

Examine a bat house and receive free bat house plans.

Prepay \$4/person by July 16.

EMERALD ASH BORER UPDATE

(Adults, Children Age 10 and Older)

SATURDAY, JULY 23, 10:00-11:00AM

Green ash is one of the most common trees in our yards and parks. And every ash is threatened by emerald ash borer (EAB). Find out why EAB is deadly to ash, what the current status of EAB in our area is, and how to protect your ash tree. Free. Registration preferred, call 651-249-2170.

TASTY TREATS FROM THE BEES

(For Ages 4-10, with Adult)

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 10:00AM-11:30AM

Taste different kinds of honey, and sample food pollinated by bees such as blueberries and raspberries! Learn about different kinds of bees and why they are important. We’ll do an easy and fun citizen-science pollinator survey to help the bees. Prepay \$5/person by Thursday, July 28.



AUGUST

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MEET THE ANIMALS

(For all ages)

AT MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER

Saturday, August 6 2:00PM-3:00PM

Meet a snake, salamander, and toad, to learn more about Minnesota’s wild animals and where they live in the summer. You can share your stories about real wild animal encounters, if you choose! Make a slithering craft, and have a hoppy good time! Free. Drop-in program- limited to first 40 people.



CHOMPIN’ CATERpillARS

(For ages 3-5 with Adult)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 10:00AM –11:15AM

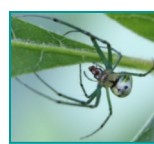
What do caterpillars do? Nothing much but chew and chew! Join us for a caterpillar search and pretend to be a butterfly or moth. Touch, roleplay, and examine their food, habitat and butterfly mounts. Craft, and snack included. Prepay \$5 per child, by August 9.

SUPER SPIDERS

(Ages 4 and older, with Adult)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 10:00AM –11:30AM

Spiders are nature’s bug zappers! Meet live spiders; learn about webs and spider silk. Put together a spider identification book to take home. Hike to look for orb, funnel, jumping and crab spiders. Wear shoes suitable for hiking. Prepay \$4/child by August 11.



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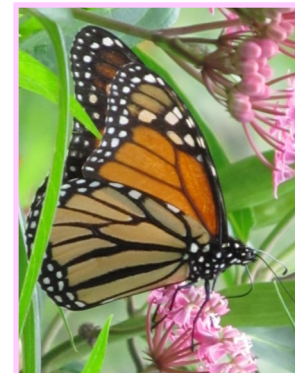
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MONARCH OPEN HOUSE

(All ages)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 1:00-3:00PM

Mad about Monarchs? Find out why and how monarchs are tagged. Learn about their magnificent migration. See monarchs in their life cycle stages. There’ll be crafts for kids and butterfly gardening information for adults.



Discover citizen science opportunities for you to help these beautiful butterflies survive.

Free. Drop-in Program